

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 25 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of March 19, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on April 17, 2002 and notes that a copy of the PTO-1449 was not returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,530,322

Claims 1 through 25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 22 of U.S. Patent 6,530,322. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the Terminal Disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 25 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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